

Chat w/Craig Bartlett - Feb. 28th, 2004

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<CraigB> whoo hoo

<Tyoria> hi!

<CraigB> hi Tyoria!!

<CraigB> kimmy!

<CraigB> etc!

<CraigB> the gang

<Coolboyman> whats up craig!

<CraigB> i'm well, thanks

<Coolboyman> i loved party wagon

<CraigB> thank you coolboyman

<OrnerySue> party wagon rules!!!

<CraigB> sue!!

<FreakyFlyBry> Hey Craig!

<CraigB> is that you, Carolyn?

<ArnoldsGrl> Hi Craig! Im new I havent talked to you before and Im sad because I didnt get to see party wagon :

( <CraigB> oh, well, it'll come back

<kim\_b> do you have any idea when it'll rerun?

<CraigB> no, but i bet a lot: it was on again midnight!

<CraigB> hi everybody

<Tyoria> I should have taped it

<CraigB> did you miss it, ty?

<Tyoria> unfortunately I only caught part of it ...

<Tyoria> at least I got to see the end though

<Coolboyman> hey is party wagon gonna be a series?

<Coolboyman> or is it just a special?

<CraigB> okay, I'll answer qs.

<CraigB> first: series?

<CraigB> series? I don't know.

<CraigB> guess what? you all have to write letters!

<CraigB> again!!

<Suik> oh lord

<Shrooom> yay! :D

<Tyoria> I can do that

<OrnerySue> yay! more writing!

<CraigB> dear CN...

<CraigB> okay, next q

<Chldsftthrftmn> So was Party Wagon a pilot then?

<CraigB> yes, PW was a pilot.

<CraigB> Shroom next.

<Shrooom> So Craig, what are your plans now? Anything in the works?

<CraigB> next plans.

<CraigB> I've just delivered a new pilot to CN called "Lenny and Nate"

<Coolboyman> cool!

<Dah> Yay.

<OrnerySue> What's it about?

<BSilb1> Let me guess...two guys named Lenny and Nate

<CraigB> right

<CraigB> Lenny and Nate is about two 8th graders  
<CraigB> "two friends and the crazy things they do"  
<CraigB> yeah, middle school is traumatic  
<CraigB> Lenny is very weird, Nate is "grounded"  
<CraigB> so two halves that make a whole, kinda  
<Peekabooo16> are they brothers, friends, ???  
<CraigB> Friends. Nate is the "center"  
<CraigB> He's from a large, noisy family  
<CraigB> Then his best friend who lives next door  
<CraigB> goes to 9th grade and kinda "dumps" him  
<CraigB> so then new kid Lenny comes to town and  
<CraigB> like that  
<CraigB> and there's a girl next door, the sister of Dirk, the 9th grader  
<CraigB> who has an unrequited love for Nate  
<CraigB> and Lenny kinda likes her, so...  
<CraigB> unrequited love triangles!  
<CraigB> my fave.  
<CraigB> Lenny is very strange  
<CraigB> he claims to be from another planet.  
<CraigB> So i have high hopes for it  
<CraigB> CN seems to like it  
<CraigB> that or PW? who knows?  
<Suik> or both...duh duh duh  
<Suik> ahhh the drama  
<CraigB> drama!  
<Peekabooo16> Nickelodeon didn't want it?  
<CraigB> I never pitched it to Nick  
<Chief> nick doesnt know what they want

<BSilb1> Sorry about the microphone, Craig....I didn't mean to stick it in your face, but I have a question.

<CraigB> Okay, next q?

<BSilb1> It seems you're busy over at CN. Is Hey Arnold stopped, or just temporarily halted? Please dont tell me the latter.

<CraigB> listen, you guys,

<CraigB> if nick wants more arnold, all they have to do is ask.

<CraigB> i love those characters.

<CraigB> heh, ask 'em.

<Peekabooo16> all they do is show six hours a day each of like four different show like Spongebob, My Life As A Teenage Robot and Fairly Odd Parents

<CraigB> yeah, they promote their new stuff, it's natural.

<FootballHead> Craig, just so you know, Arnold has now been cut to just one showing a day on weekdays.

<CraigB> eek.

<CraigB> too bad

<BSilb1> See, I'm going to write to Nickelodeon, and send a ton of different letters using various aliases.

<CraigB> good idea, silb.

<CraigB> "hello, i'm a nine year old girl"

<Chldsftthrfthmn> So would you be willing to make more HA episodes if Nick asked?

<CraigB> sure.

<FootballHead> You haven't given up on the second movie, have you?

<Shrooom> that must be so bizarre not being able to continue your 'creation', you know?..

<CraigB> yeah, the stories are on hold.

<Fainter> are you able to make hey arnold episodes from CN?

<CraigB> no CN arnold, heh.

<CraigB> where's arnold's girl q?  
<ArnoldsGrl> Have you talked to CN about "the Patakis"?  
<CraigB> ha! same problem, because that idea belongs to Nick.  
<CraigB> i seriously thought about changing the names, but no good.  
<CraigB> they'll always be helga, olga, miriam, and bob to me.  
<CraigB> can't call 'em Bill Manaki or something.  
<CraigB> does that answer it?

<Coolboyman> i noticed in party wagon  
<Coolboyman> some of the characters  
<Coolboyman> resembled HA chars  
<Dah> There was a black haired Helga in Party Wagon  
<CraigB> ha! very astute.  
<CraigB> Ornerly Sue is an 1850s Helga.  
<CraigB> to me Sue is Emily Dickenson crossed with Helga.  
<CraigB> if she only had one book,  
<CraigB> and it was a big'n.  
<Chldsftthrfthmn> I thought she was more like Big Patti  
<CraigB> ha!  
<CraigB> Patty?  
<CraigB> wierd.

<Suik> so when are Sue and Randy hooking up, anyway? :P  
<CraigB> I'll answer suik,  
<CraigB> hi suik  
<Suik> hey Craig  
<Suik> hehe  
<CraigB> Ornerly sue and randy  
<CraigB> are one of several unrequited love strands  
<CraigB> that run through that saga!  
<CraigB> i love it:  
<CraigB> randy is at the center of three women  
<CraigB> sue, jill, and billie  
<CraigB> none of them are a good fit  
<CraigB> but you know, maybe it's randy and sue in the end.  
<Shrooom> seriously, I'm cheering for billie all the way  
<CraigB> yeah, i love billie.  
<CraigB> i had an idea  
<CraigB> like 50 eps in  
<CraigB> where billie and randy are separated  
<CraigB> and she grows up into a beautiful 16 year old  
<CraigB> randy sees her at a debutante ball  
<CraigB> in san francisco  
<CraigB> and goes WOW, who's that  
<Auzzie> So they'll just get rid of the whole Oregon Trail part?  
<CraigB> nah, it's still about the trail.  
<CraigB> i guess they could go back and forth.  
<CraigB> randy should go around the horn  
<CraigB> just cause that's funny: going around the horn

<Chldsftthrfthmn> They all sure like coffee  
<CraigB> yeah, lots of coffee.  
<CraigB> bad coffee  
<CraigB> very bad coffee.

<CraigB> kinda like the life of an animator.

<Coolboyman> I saw the reference to starbucks in party wagon

<CraigB> yeah, seattle jokes!

<CraigB> my favorite.

<CraigB> we actually got starbucks and seattle's best to okay the use of their stores in the story.

<CraigB> seattle's best was very easy going

<CraigB> they just said, "yeah, sure."

<CraigB> Starbuck's was a lot harder.

<CraigB> natch.

<Suik> although I guess it's free advertising, heh

<CraigB> that's what I said!

<CraigB> free advertising

<CraigB> did you all get the mudhoney/nirvana joke?

<CraigB> "it's nothin' but mud, honey.

<CraigB> it's true, on the trail it was mostly coffee, beans, bacon.

<ArnoldsGrl> beef jerky

<OrnerySue> and buffalo chips

<CraigB> weasel jerky.

<CraigB> rabbit stew.

<Auzzie> ...corn meal. If you ever play the game that's all I seemed to ever had... oh and lard

<Chldsftthrfthmn> How many scripts for PW are completed if the series is picked up? And will typical episodes run a full half-hour or two 11 minute?

<CraigB> i really don't know.

<CraigB> if they wanted a series, they'd order like 13.

<Coolboyman> 22 minute would prob be better instead of 2 11's

<CraigB> or they could order more tv movies

<Chief> true, and the may work beter with voice talent like Sean Astin

<CraigB> yeah

<Chief> which inspires me for a question...

<CraigB> okay, sean astin question

<Chief> what was it like working with him?

<Chief> I've been a huge Sean Astin fan for years

<Chief> i was so excited when i heard he would be in it

<CraigB> sean is the nicest guy

<CraigB> he delivered all his lines to perfection, in my opinion

<CraigB> but the whole cast is great

<FootballHead> Craig, I see that some of the Party Wagon cast members came from the Hey Arnold cast as well. Is this true?

<BSilb1> yeah, you got Jim Lang and Tuck Tucker working there too huh?

<CraigB> yeah, the whole usual gang of suspects

<Coolboyman> you know whats with 2 or 3 HA episodes that hasnt aired yet?

<CraigB> they say that they've aired them all

<Peekabooo16> No, they haven't.

<Peekabooo16> exactly

<FootballHead> Grandpa's Packard/Phoebe's Little Problem

<CraigB> i guess there's one left.

<CraigB> Don would know!

<CraigB> i love Grandpa's Packard. the jolly olly man does a wonderful breakdown scene at the end.

<CraigB> next q?

<OrnerySue> Dan Castellaneta is awesome

<CraigB> yeah, I love Dan.

<FootballHead> What about Phoebe's Little Problem? Do you like that one too?

<CraigB> yeah, it's good too. stinky reads a very funny poem.

<Shrooom> I've been waiting to see that one forever, it sounded great when they did promos... and then they don't show it

<ArnoldsGrl> Whats with Gerald liking that one girl in Gerald vs Jamie O... Isnt he suppose to like Phoebe?

<CraigB> ha! yeah. gerald was pretty much ignoring phoebe that ep, wasn't he?

<VITO> Craig, congrats on Party W.

<CraigB> thanks vito

<VITO> Will you hire me and Danica again?

<CraigB> oh my god it's you, vito!

<CraigB> how are ya?

<VITO> Fine. It's JP

<Fainter> there isn't a chance of any Hey Arnold! Season DVDs is there?

<Wenstrom> Nick would probably cram a HA! DVD with like 10 SpongeBob episodes anyway

<Fainter> lol at Wenstrom

<Coolboyman> well theres a zim dvd...

<Coolboyman> so yeah maybe

<CraigB> yeah, about the arnold dvds

<CraigB> i guess y'all will have to request those too.

<CraigB> more dang letters!

<CraigB> i hope that the whole series is available on dvd someday.

<VITO> It will be or my name ain't Steve Socki

<OrnerySue> we'll be busy with all the requesting we'll be doing

<Chief> family guy did very well on DVD

<Chief> and more episodes are being made now because of it

<Chldsftthrfthmn> Simpsons, too

<Chief> hopefully that could happen with us too

<Shrooom> so craig, ready to tell us arnold's last name?;D

<CraigB> HA!

<ArnoldsGrl> Its shortman isnt it?

<ArnoldsGrl> LOL

<Coolboyman> isnt it jones?

<ArnoldsGrl> Or Pataki

<CraigB> not pataki

<VITO> Or SIMPSON

<Dah> NO

<Dah> It can't be Pataki, omg

<CraigB> ya know what I mean?

<Suik> hehe

<Coolboyman> ok good

<Peekabooo16> do you have a last name in mind, Craig?

<CraigB> of course!

<CraigB> we took our time

<CraigB> and then it ocured to us

<kim\_b> arnold swank

<CraigB> swank

<BSilb1> SWANK????????????????????????????????????

<Dah> Skank????

<CraigB> that's just kim  
<Chief> nice one kim  
<OrnerySue> maybe it's Schwarzeneger  
<CraigB> not that arnold!  
<Wenstrom> "hasta la vista, Lila"

<BSilb1> Is there anything like, related to Hey Arnold, like cels or something that you're willing to sell? I have, like \$300

<CraigB> well, I'm not selling off anything yet  
<ArnoldsGrl> Someone was selling one on EBAY  
<ArnoldsGrl> dont know if it was real  
<CraigB> I'm not really into the whole ebay thing yet.  
<BSilb1> I'm trying to get my hands on a cel  
<CraigB> write to me, I'll send ya something.  
<VITO> Craig--Would you be willing to sell your old sneakers?  
<CraigB> now sneakers, yes.

<Shrooom> lol@VITO  
<Chldsftthrfthmn> I got a production book of HA off ebay  
<BSilb1> I bid \$300 on a Hey Arnold press kit!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
<CraigB> really...?  
<CraigB> now Silb that's just plain crazy.

<Suik> craig, can I buy your underwear? and your favorite tshirt? and your sweat?  
<CraigB> ha

<Chldsftthrfthmn> Real nice  
<Suik> and your wife?  
<CraigB> no, Lisa wouldn't go for it.  
<ArnoldsGrl> I bid 1 million for an Arnold sculpture made of mable  
<CraigB> mable?  
<CraigB> marble or maple?  
<CraigB> maple sugar

<Chldsftthrfthmn> How was Mtv involved with HA?  
<Chldsftthrfthmn> It was in the production book  
<CraigB> Mtv...  
<CraigB> not much. they're the parent company, though  
<CraigB> so we'd meet in NY sometimes  
<CraigB> the president of Mtv, Tom Freston, is a very cool guy  
<CraigB> I liked talking to him  
<CraigB> he kind of flies around and hangs out with Bono kind of thing  
<CraigB> not like the rest of us

<Coolboyman> how did arnold know summer's name?  
<Coolboyman> does he have ESP?  
<Coolboyman> cause she never mentioned her name to him :p  
<CraigB> arnold knew her name before she told him?  
<Coolboyman> yea  
<Auzzie> Cartoon logic  
<CraigB> come on, it happend off screen.  
<Dah> Lol  
<Coolboyman> i guessed...  
<CraigB> or she had a name tag or something  
<Dah> Or he heard it through the grapevine  
<Wenstrom> Arnold can obviously read minds, thanks to the angulation of his head

<FootballHead> How did you expect everyone to hate Lila?  
<CraigB> at first, we didn't hate Lila.  
<CraigB> she was very innocent  
<CraigB> but after a while, she started seeming evil  
<CraigB> it was so subtle, we didn't realize it for a long time  
<ArnoldsGrl> I like Lila, she just needs to stay away from Arnold  
<CraigB> yeah, that gal's trouble

<Chldsftthrftmn> So Arnold loves jazz . . . does he listen to cd comps or 78's  
<CraigB> I bet he likes them both  
<CraigB> but nowadays he'd be burning his own CD comps

<Auzzie> This relates back the the voice over work, Do you just decide one day to meet some actor you like and call them to do a voice, or is ther planing involved?  
<CraigB> casting a show takes a lot of work  
<CraigB> first we make a list of likely people  
<CraigB> nowadays I have a lot of "regulars" that I'd always start with  
<CraigB> but, for example, Sean was a new one  
<CraigB> Joey Paul recommended him, bless her heart  
<Auzzie> So you don't ever say "I want to meet <insert fav celeb here>" and call them?  
<CraigB> I guess, but mostly the voice over people are all about voiceover  
<CraigB> like Dan Castellaneta, though he does "on camera" work too  
<Coolboyman> gotta like dan...  
<CraigB> yeah. he was underused in PW.  
<CraigB> I cast him after I knew it would be feature length

<ArnoldsGrl> I didnt get to see it because CN changes to sports midday, But I want to. So is it going to be out to buy or are they going to air it in the morning or early afternoon?  
<CraigB> I'll ask the people in Atlanta, and when I know I'll post it on Kim's site  
<Fainter> well hey arnolds grandma/grandpa make any apperances on PW? surly they were alive during that time period  
<CraigB> yeah, grandma and grandpa as kids

<Shrooom> =) I've got a question. Where do we get in contact with you Craig?  
<CraigB> ha!!  
<CraigB> you can write me at Cartoon Network  
<CraigB> when you do, include your email addy  
<CraigB> because it's so much easier to write back email  
<CraigB> thanks  
<BSilb1> Cartoon Network is in Burbank right?  
<CraigB> yep, Burbank, beautiful downtown Burbank  
<ArnoldsGrl> I just wrote you last week  
<CraigB> did you send an envelope, too?  
<ArnoldsGrl> I put in a self adressed stamped envelope  
<ArnoldsGrl> Im near burbank, If I show up will you let me in?  
<CraigB> yes  
<CraigB> although Gerri the receptionist is pretty tough  
<Auzzie> Are you serious? Or am I being gulible again?  
<CraigB> oh, yeah! don't worry, I'll write back

<Chldsftthrftmn> So if Arnold finds his parents in San Lorenzo is he going to stay with them?  
<CraigB> yep

<Coolboyman> craig what do you think of the current condition of nick?



<CraigB> you know, Nick is doing very well. they keep developing new stuff, and they still rule in the ratings  
<CraigB> so they feel like they're doing fine.  
<VITO> And they're still making \$\$ off Hey Arnold  
<CraigB> and in general, if they promote something, it gets tons of viewers  
<CraigB> so y'know, they go "if it ain't broke, don't fix it"  
<CraigB> which isn't so good for Hey Arnold  
<CraigB> because we're so last year  
<CraigB> or last two years

<Fainter> will there ever be a full Nick movie in theatres again?!? all I've been seeing is those dumb mini-movies  
<CraigB> the Nick movies have kind of tapped out.  
<CraigB> there will be a Spongebob movie in the fall  
<CraigB> Tuck's working on it

<BSilb1> So, I'm to understand that Arnold got his name from the same person that Chief Clancy Wiggum got his name from?  
<CraigB> Silb, that is an interesting piece of trivia.  
<CraigB> well, we went over all of our relatives' names when we named Arnold  
<CraigB> and Lisa's uncle Arnold is Arnold Wiggum...  
<CraigB> so...  
<CraigB> kinda

<OrnerySue> what were some of the other names you had in mind?  
<CraigB> oh, we made a huge list  
<CraigB> but I think I've lost it  
<CraigB> that was long ago

<Suik> you ever going to have a female main character?  
<CraigB> interesting  
<CraigB> I'm thinking of all the stuff I'm working on  
<CraigB> Lenny and Nate is really Lenny and Nate and Ronnie (Dirk's little sister)  
<CraigB> so she's not the lead.  
<Suik> yeah  
<CraigB> and Party Wagon is like that too  
<ArnoldsGrl> Well... The Patakis would be a female lead (hint)  
<CraigB> yeah, the closest I ever came was Helga in The Patakis

<Shrooom> I've got one... did you feel a similar connection to PW as you do Arnold? What about Lenny and Nate?  
<CraigB> yes, PW is just like Hey Arnold in the way I relate to the characters  
<CraigB> I was a lot like Randy when I was 16  
<Shrooom> cool, cool.. Good job with Romeo's voice btw =)  
<CraigB> thanks, but y'know, I wasn't at all like Romeo  
<CraigB> he's more like those guys in high school who play the guitar in a band  
<CraigB> and all the girls like him  
<CraigB> but he's dumb as a board  
<CraigB> I cast myself as Romeo so I wouldn't do any damage  
<CraigB> you notice he says very little

<BlueEyes> Hey Craig!!!! I want to see your new cartoon, but I can't because cartoon network turns to sports at 3pm, how can I see it!!!!!!!!!!  
<CraigB> I hope that CN puts PW out as a DVD  
<CraigB> that's the best hope for it, you can all see it in its commercial free glory  
<CraigB> they probably will put it out, I certainly hope so and will work on them  
<CraigB> also, if it's out on DVD, you won't have to see the interstitial stuff they put on it



<OrnerySue> I kept seeing scooby doo commercials during party wagon, it was annoying  
<CraigB> and worst of all, they clobbered the song and credits at the end  
<CraigB> I was appalled  
<CraigB> there's a really good song, natch  
<Auzzie> That was a weird tin toy thing  
<CraigB> and instead, this tin toy  
<Shrooom> hehe, weird, I thought the same thing... WHY ARE THEY CUTTING THE SONG?!?! ;D  
<Suik> the entire CN stuff between commercials and the show were all weird  
<CraigB> yep  
<CraigB> the credits were so tiny, the actors can't even show up  
<CraigB> bummer. so let's all get the DVD

<Auzzie> Didn't you say you played the guitar for it?  
<CraigB> ha, yeah, I play the guitar on the end credit song  
<CraigB> and the harmonica! the big battle scene  
<CraigB> yeah, write to Jim Lang and ask for an mp3 of it  
<Auzzie> What about a gutar tab?  
<CraigB> guitar tab? might take a while to get that  
<CraigB> actually Jim Lang is great about sharing music files, if ya ask him.  
<Shrooom> Just thought I'd mention this for anyone interested, Jim Lang has a website up at:  
<http://www.knobworld.com/>  
<CraigB> on his site you can download Arnold cues  
<Auzzie> Good stuff there  
<CraigB> I have abut a thousand on my iPod  
<CraigB> some of my faves  
<OrnerySue> I like the slippage song  
<CraigB> yeah, Slippage is good, Sue  
<CraigB> slippage  
<CraigB> If I hear the word "slippage" one more time...

<ArnoldsGrl> Is Mr. Simmons into guys?  
<CraigB> well, Mr. Simmmmons is gay, yes  
<CraigB> the Thanksgiving special covers that whole thing  
<BSilb1> Yeah, he isnt married  
<Shrooom> I just thought he was overly "touchy and feely"... like a highschool guidance counsellor ;P  
<CraigB> y'know, the Thanksgiving special is one of my faves.  
<CraigB> when Helga leaves the dinner table  
<CraigB> and when she and Arnold meet out on the street  
<CraigB> and then their scene with Simmons at his place  
<CraigB> are my fave scenes ever  
<CraigB> Jim's music... so good. you should ask him for those!  
<CraigB> now there's some good mp3

<ArnoldsGrl> Craig.... Whats your very top fav episode?  
<CraigB> fave top episode  
<CraigB> hmmm  
<CraigB> tough  
<CraigB> it's actually a long list  
<ArnoldsGrl> I like Helga's Parrot. LMAO!  
<CraigB> yes, Parrot!  
<CraigB> and all the "Helga trying to get into Arnold's house" eps  
<CraigB> Parrot, Helga's Lockett...  
<CraigB> Married  
<CraigB> those are all very fun to watch

<Dale> My favorite is "What's Opera Arnold?"

<CraigB> yeah, I love the Opera

<Wenstrom> I like the episodes that are a riot... aka the episodes with Curly

<CraigB> funny that you mention Curly.

<CraigB> because Lenny is a kind of 13 year old Curly

<CraigB> who claims he's from another planet

<CraigB> Lenny comes from Bortron Seven

<BlueEyes> I love to write, what's the best way to get out there and going with my work?

<CraigB> do you want to write for TV?

<CraigB> or journalism?

<CraigB> or books?

<BlueEyes> If I could, that would be great! Yes, books too

<CraigB> TV writing is mostly out here in L.A., and movies too.

<CraigB> although it's kind of a joke that everyone in L.A. is working on a screenplay

<CraigB> but so what, just do it.

<Houndour> too many earthquakes in LA

<CraigB> yeah, we're overdue for a quake

<FootballHead> Why does that story take place with just a week long summer vacation, instead of three months?  
(married)

<CraigB> it must have been Spring Break.

<Chldsfthrfthmn> Are any of the "lesser" boarders still around (Mr. Smith, Lana Vail, Mr. Purdy)?

<Chldsfthrfthmn> Not seen bud still present?

<CraigB> Mr. Smith seems to have flown away

<CraigB> Lana Vail left in 1996

<BSilb1> It was 1996, but we saw her in the 1998 episode "Dinner For Four"

<CraigB> really? wow, I forgot

<CraigB> she lives somewhere in the city

<CraigB> Mr. Purdy is lurking around somewhere

<CraigB> with his chicken

<Chldsfthrfthmn> Not at the Sunset Arms though?

<CraigB> no, it ended up Mr. Hyunh, Oskar, and Ernie

<ArnoldsGrl> Is the Author in CRABBY AUTHOR based on someone you know?

<CraigB> Crabby Author is completely made up

<CraigB> most authors I've met have been very nice

<CraigB> I always wanted to meet Dr. Seuss

<CraigB> He's 100, you know

<ArnoldsGrl> I love the way Arnold sounds when he's reading the book in crabby author

<ArnoldsGrl> whos that, spencer klien?

<BSilb1> its Phillip Van Dyke

<CraigB> right, Phillip

<CraigB> I love Phillip's voice

<CraigB> it's very Arnoldy

<ArnoldsGrl> Is Franny really like Helga?

<CraigB> ha!

<CraigB> Franny is Helga, man

<CraigB> I kid

<CraigB> Franny is much nicer than Helga  
<CraigB> but y'know, Franny tapped into something very powerful  
<CraigB> and it must be her, too

<ArnoldsGrl> which brings me to my next question  
<CraigB> yes?  
<ArnoldsGrl> Helga IS only mean because of what happened in preschool right?  
<ArnoldsGrl> She's really nice isnt she?  
<CraigB> well, Helga had a crummy childhood in general  
<CraigB> y'know  
<Suik> Helga probably inherited her bad attitude from Bob  
<CraigB> you mean why she's so mean to Arnold?  
<CraigB> it's just an act

<ArnoldsGrl> Shes mean to EVERYONE  
<ArnoldsGrl> oh except Phoebe sometimes  
<ArnoldsGrl> How'd they become best friends?  
<CraigB> I should do an ep where we see Helga and Phoebe  
<CraigB> in preschool  
<CraigB> becoming best friends  
<Chldsfthrfthmn> Helga is more like Big Bob than either cares to admit  
<CraigB> yeah, she's a Pataki, through and through

<ArnoldsGrl> Does Arnold have a middle name?  
<ArnoldsGrl> Miles maybe?  
<CraigB> man, we've barely got a last name!  
<ArnoldsGrl> Or Phil  
<CraigB> I guess it's Phil  
<CraigB> because that would make Phil happy  
<Shrooom> lol, seriously, you might as well just give us his full name, hint, hint ;D  
<CraigB> yeah, but what if Nick decides to bring HA! back just to tell everybody his last name?  
<CraigB> I can't tell you now, I'd blow it!  
<CraigB> I had an idea for the Jungle Movie  
<CraigB> in the opening scene, a man comes to the door of the boarding house  
<CraigB> "package for Arnold \_\_\_\_\_"  
<CraigB> and Arnold signs his name  
<CraigB> right, that's how you find out.

<ArnoldsGrl> Whens Helga birthday...End of march right?  
<CraigB> right, a week before April 1st  
<ArnoldsGrl> How old would she be this year if she aged since the show first came out?  
<BSilb1> the April Fools episode premiered in 2002, so if it was "last weekend", it would be March 30 or 31

<Suik> stop the caps, BSilb1, we have enough of them already  
<BSilb1> Caps confuse him  
<CraigB> I'm confused!  
<CraigB> YOU'RE CONFUSING ME!!  
<VITO> Creeepy, very creeepy  
<CraigB> very crispy, that's how Mr. Hyunh used to say it  
<CraigB> it's very crispy  
<ArnoldsGrl> You sound like Harold  
<ArnoldsGrl> LOL!  
<VITO> Fortress Mommy!!!  
<CraigB> madame fortress mommy

<BSilb1> I hear Justin Shenkarow made that up

<CraigB> yep

<CraigB> he was on a roll that day

<BSilb1> and he didnt know he said it?

<CraigB> no, he seemed to forget what had just come out of his mouth

<CraigB> a true artiste

<HAMike> is four eyed jack from HA! related to three eyed jack in PW?

<CraigB> ha!

<CraigB> they must be

<CraigB> I love Three Legged Bob

<CraigB> Jack and Bob have an interesting relationship

<CraigB> I would have Jack, Bob, and Walleyed Tom stick together for the series

<OrnerySue> Who is your favorite character on PW?

<CraigB> tough!

<CraigB> I really like Bumpy and Sue

<CraigB> but Jill is so great

<CraigB> and so on

<BSilb1> How come their eyes are so.....beady?

<CraigB> I like beady eyes, it's a little Olive Oyl

<CraigB> I call 'em "shoe button eyes"

<CraigB> Bumpy and Sue have 'em

<VITO> SPINOFF of Ornery Sue?

<CraigB> yeah, Ornery Sue deserves her own show

<CraigB> I figure like episode 50, Ornery Sue and Randy finally get it on

<Suik> "get it on"? hm

<Suik> I think I'll skip that one

<CraigB> in a tasteful way

<Suik> hehe

<Suik> well that makes it better I guess

<Shrooom> I've got a question if no one wants to ask one :p. what was the deal with the wedding? Why was everyone so angry?

<CraigB> I like that the whole wedding disaster is unexplained

<CraigB> if the show went to series, you'd find out

<CraigB> Randy had to run for it because the gun went off

<CraigB> I think "his father-in-law to be got a finger shot off" was my original idea

<CraigB> we storyboarded it, but standards said no way

<CraigB> anyway, Randy had to run for it

<CraigB> hence the dress

<ArnoldsGrl> Can you give me a brief overview of PW and the characters so I know what you guys are talking about?

<CraigB> a brief overview of PW?

<CraigB> Randy, age 16, runs away from his shotgun wedding in Maine

<CraigB> goes west, hooks up with everyone else in the party wagon when they cross the Missouri

<CraigB> raft sinks in rapids,

<CraigB> crazy prospector Three Eyed Jack gives them a map to hidden diamond mine El Glitterado

<CraigB> off they go!

<CraigB> something like that

<Chldsftthrftmn> So which side is Cousin Arnie from?

<VITO> His Dad's side

<CraigB> Arnie must be from his mom's side, though... the football head!

<CraigB> he's pretty scary though, neither side claims him

<Chldsfthrfthmn> plain flavored gum is great

<CraigB> gum, plain flavored gum

<OrnerySue> I noticed something...Randy's name is smiliar to Ruth's with the R P McD thing

<CraigB> right, Randal P. McDuff, Ruth P. McDougal

<CraigB> I like P as a middle initial

<CraigB> Arnold P...

<CraigB> Phil of course

<CraigB> shoot, I better get going

<CraigB> so long everybody!!

<CraigB> it was nice to hear your voices

<CraigB> we'll chat again soon, no?

<CraigB> write to both Nick and Cartoon Network and demand stuff! pretend you're nine!

<CraigB> eight is good too

<CraigB> six to eleven, that's their bread and butter.

<CraigB> but 49 is okay too

<CraigB> adios mi amores

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